

Church of St. Thomas More
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting
Date: August4, 2010

Doug D'Agrosa called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Kathy Arciero led the opening prayer.

2. Roll Call

Those on the Parish Council in attendance were:

Name	Role
Rev. Michael Ratajczak	Pastor
Doug D'Agrosa	Pastoral Council Chair
Marti Harper	Secretary
Kathy Arciero	Liturgy Committee Liaison
Ron Briseno	Development Council Chair
Dick Belprez	Social Ministries Chair
Paul Ibbetson	Finance Chair
Those not in attendance were	
Rory Griffin	Faith Formation & Evangelization Chair
Chris Smith	Director of Stewardship and Development
Lisa & Pat Attardo	Parish Organizations & Events Chair
Jen Frost	Marriage and Family Life Chair

3. Agenda Review

4. Old Business

The Pastoral Council Charter was finalized and approved by the council. Fr. Mike suggested that in the future, the charter could be amended to include a youth representative on the council.

25th Anniversary Celebration:

An **October Fest** will be held Oct. 17th after the 10:30am Mass (with Bishop Brom officiating). A tent will be erected in the parking lot with food (brats, salads), drinks (beer), music/karaoke, and jumps for the children. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$10/person or \$25/family. Details will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Treasures 2010

Jerry & Judy Buoniconti are heading a 15 member committee to organize a tag sale/flea market event on Sat., Nov. 6th. Tables can also be rented for crafts. Everyone is responsible for tagging and delivering their own items on the day of the sale. All remaining items at the end of the sale will be donated.

STM T-shirts

The design and ordering of 25th Anniversary versus general STM T-shirts was discussed. STM Christmas ornaments are another item being considered.

5. New Business

New Member Reception is August 15th. Kathy Arciero volunteered to represent the Pastoral Council.

Interfaith Shelter Network

STM will no longer support this ministry due to the large commitment it has made to North County Solutions for Change.

6. Committee Updates

Evangelization and Faith Formation Committee Evangelization

Position still vacant

RCIA

Rite of Welcome Aug. 8th for 2 catechumens and one candidate

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Position still vacant

Adult Religious Education Committee

2010: Evening of Worship - Aug. 27th

What a Difference a Day Makes - Sept. 8th

Just Faith - week of Sept. 13th

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Oct. 9th

Fr. Mike's Bookies - Oct. 19th

Women's Retreat - Nov. 12-13th

Children of Abraham Prayer Service - Nov. 24th

2011: Fr. Mike's Bookies - Jan. 19th, Feb. 9th, March 2nd

Parish Mission - April 4-6th

Women's Prayer Breakfast - May 7th

YouTube and Faith - June 8th
The Internet and Faith - Aug. 10th

Middle School Youth Ministry

Summer schedule

High School Youth Ministry

Summer highlight was Steubenville San Diego with 60 participants
Fall schedule will resume after Labor Day

Liturgy of the Word for Children

LOWC going well but still in need of facilitators

Sacramental Preparation

Preparing for the new school year

Finance Council

The fiscal year closed at the end of June with a deficit of 28K that will be rolled over into the next year. (Recently, the parish was remembered in the estates of two parishioners who have died recently. The two gifts will cover the shortfall from this past fiscal year.) The council is currently working on the new budget. They are also in the process of installing a new general ledger and budget system.

Development Council

The Capital campaign continues.

Dine-out fundraisers continue- next one at Famous Dave's BBQ on Aug. 10- 11
(20% goes to STM)

Cash for Cars is going well.

Social Ministries

Brother Benno's Collections has been temporarily separated from Brother Benno's Kitchen Servers for the duration of Deacon Tom's leave of absence. The committee chair position for the collections is available.

Culture of Life

Pennies from Heaven collection for Birth Choice Aug. 7-8

Mother of Life Conference at SDSU Aug. 14th

Fraternity House

Committee working with More's Workers to address repair projects

Just Faith

37 participants registered; 33 from STM

More's Workers

88 hours of work at ICS Fairweather Lodge #3 completed

North County Solutions for Change

Open House for STM parishioners on Sept. 25th

St. Bonaventure Mission

Having difficulty finding volunteer from Knights of Columbus to lead the fall clothing drive

PO&E

Historian position stills remains open

Knights of Columbus parish breakfasts planned for Sept. and Oct.

Parish Librarian position has been closed

Senior Ministry - "Treasures 2010" parking lot sale Sat. Nov. 6th

Social Activities - Thank you reception for Jeff & Gale Gibbons and Ron & Louis Briseno was Sun. Aug. 1st

STM 25th Anniversary Celebration Oktoberfest will be on Sun.

Oct. 17th

Women's Guild will resume in September.

Liturgy Committee

Fr. Mike, Douglas Lynn and Kathy Arciero have been working to revitalize our parish Liturgy Committee through several meetings and a retreat for current and prospective members. 20+ liturgy members hope to meet quarterly. The retreat was held July 31st with 16 members. **Upcoming Liturgy events:**

Rosary for Peace – Oct. 9th, following 5pm Mass 25th Anniversary Mass – Oct. 17th, 10:30am

Music Ministry Thanksgiving Concert – Nov. 21, 4:00pm

Children of Abraham (Interfaith event) Nov. 24,
7:00pm

Marriage & Family Life

ACTTS

ACCTS has joined with North County Young Adults (NCYA), an organization of individuals in their 20's and 30's from multiple No Co. Catholic parishes. Those interested should still contact Jen Frost via the parish website ([HYPERLINK "mailto:ACTTS@stmoside.org" ACTTS@stmoside.org](#)) and she will forward to NCYA. **Note:** [HYPERLINK "mailto:ACTTS@stmoside.org" ACTTS@stmoside.org](#) will remain functional since NCYA does not have direct public email access and forwarding messages is necessary for now.

Family Life

June 2010 – hundreds of Father's Day Cookies were distributed

February 2011 – Planning underway for marriage-focused events for Valentine's Day

8. Clergy Comments

The structure of the RCIA program has been reshaped. More catechists (10-12) will be involved, and they will also be leading the "Breaking of the Word" at Sunday dismissals. Fr. Mike will have more details at the next meeting.

9. Closing Prayer

All members participated in The Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled on November 3rd.

Pat and/or Lisa Attardo will lead the opening prayer.